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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
and the Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District to present
the Third Annual HUDSON VALLEY HISTORY READING FESTIVAL**

-- with the generous support of IBM --

**Featuring Authors of Recently Published Books on Hudson Valley History
and a screening of the documentary film SWEET VIOLETS**

April 18, 2015 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

**Henry A. Wallace Center at the
FDR Presidential Library and Home**

HYDE PARK, NY -- With the generous support of IBM, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and the Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District will present the third annual Hudson Valley History Reading Festival on Saturday, April 18, 2015. In four sessions, beginning at 10:00 a.m., authors of recently published books on Hudson Valley history will present author talks followed by book signings. At 4:00 p.m., the Pare Lorentz Center at the FDR Presidential Library will screen the documentary film SWEET VIOLETS. These events will be held in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. Copies of the authors' books -- as well as DVD copies of the film -- will be for sale in the New Deal Store located in the Wallace Center. The talks will be live-streamed for online viewing at www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

These are free public events.

Schedule:

10:00 a.m.

Harvey K. Flad

Kingston: The IBM Years and

Main Street to Mainframes: Landscape and Social Change in Poughkeepsie

11:00 a.m.

Cynthia Owen Philip

Wilderstein and the Suckleys: A Hudson River Legacy

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Noon

LUNCH BREAK (on your own)

1:00 p.m.

Ann L. DuBois

The Big Apples of New York: The Story of How New York State Became the Big Apple

2:00 p.m.

Anthony P. Musso

Staatsburg: A Village Lost in Time

3:00 p.m.

AFTERNOON BREAK (on your own)

4:00 p.m.

Film Screening: SWEET VIOLETS (40 minutes)

SWEET VIOLETS is the award-winning documentary film exploring the "neglected story of sweet violets and their effect on the small Hudson Valley town" of Rhinebeck, NY.

The screening will be followed by Q&A with the film's director, Tobe Carey.

For additional information about these events please call Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745.

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum

As generations of Americans that have no personal memory of the Roosevelt Era emerge, it is more critical than ever that the lives and legacies of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt be preserved and presented to new generations. The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum stands ready to serve as a visible and valuable resource for children and families, educators and students, and an international audience seeking to understand the past to make a better tomorrow. With a newly renovated building and new permanent museum exhibits the Library seeks to honor President Roosevelt's vision in dedicating his Library to the American people. The Roosevelt Library is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For more information about the Library or its programs call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.